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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest reported) March 3, 2011

American River Bankshares (Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

California (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-31525 (Commission File Number) 68-0352144 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3100 Zinfandel Drive, Suite 450, Rancho Cordova, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

95670

(Zip Code)

(916) 851-0123 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, beginning at approximately 10:10 a.m. Pacific Time, American River Bankshares President and CEO David Taber will give a presentation of the Company's business strategies and financial performance at the Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. West Coast Financial Services Conference in Marina del Rey, CA.

Presentations will be webcast live at http://www.sandleroneill.com and will be available for 30 days following the event, beginning March 9, 2011. The conference will also be available via audio conference by dialing (877) 253-8059 and entering passcode 1079263715#.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Press Release dated March 3, 2011

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RIVER BANKSHARES

March 3, 2011

/s/ Mitchell A. Derenzo Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

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